

Guide to the American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections Division.
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Title:	American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter Records
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Physical Description:	433 Digital Files (4 DVDs, 4.96 Gigabytes) JPG, MP4
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter records, dating from 1917 to 2015, include office records, legal files dealing with property, news clippings, program descriptions, pamphlets, proclamations, events, scrapbooks, and documentation of disaster relief efforts. The early records from 1917 until 1943 are newspaper clippings.

Preferred Citation Note

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Historical Note

American Red Cross activities started in Las Vegas in June, 1917 with a small group of women who knitted sweaters, socks and caps; rolled bandages; and worked in the local hospitals. In 1928, Mrs. Maude Frazier, Superintendent of the Las Vegas School District, formed a junior branch of the Red Cross and mentored many students over the years.

After World War One there was little local activity, however, the community responded to disasters in the United States and around the world, especially the great earthquake in Japan in the early 1920s. During the Depression (1929-1934), Las Vegas was flooded with people hoping to find work in

construction on the new Hoover Dam (once known as Boulder Dam), which was built to harness the Colorado River. Arriving penniless and hungry, hundreds were unable to find employment, shelter, or food because the labor market was already saturated. The Red Cross found it necessary to buy gasoline for empty tanks, purchase meals, and provide temporary shelter until the journey for employment could be continued. It was during this time, in 1932, that the Clark County Chapter was chartered under its new name.

Las Vegas grew During World War Two with the establishment of the Las Vegas Air Force Gunnery Range (later renamed Nellis Air Force Base) in 1940, the ongoing construction of the Basic Magnesium plant, and the construction of the town of Henderson. The housing and entertainment of military personnel were but a part of the challenge faced by the local Red Cross. Wives, relatives and friends of the servicemen swarmed to Las Vegas. Many of them spent the last of their money on transportation and were then unable to locate the men they sought. During this trying time, the Chapter was fulfilling all its charter obligations to both the military and the civilian population. Local volunteers responded to the chapter's appeal for assistance and were trained to provide services.

The chapter found its first permanent home in 1943 and continued to grow and expand its services and training, including the formation of the Boulder City Branch in 1955. Swimming and lifeguard classes, fire and rescue seminars, disaster forums, fund raising events, and expressing great appreciation for volunteers kept the chapter thriving.

In 1994, the chapter was re-chartered under new policies established by the National American Red Cross Board of Governors. The guiding principle behind the policies was a renewed commitment to compassionately and effectively carry out Red Cross work to serve communities at the local level, in the nation, and around the world. Always having that principle in mind, the chapter was quick to assist in the 1980 MGM Grand fire, the Pepcon explosion in 1989, and the Clark County flood in 1999. The local Red Cross also contributed on a national level by sending workers and volunteers to Northridge, California after the 1994 earthquake and to the East Coast to assist after hurricanes Opal and Marilyn struck in 1995.

On January 1, 2001 the Clark County Chapter was renamed the "American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter" to reflect the fact that the organization is responsible for Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, Laughlin, Sandy Valley, Indian Springs, Good Springs, Overton, Logandale, Moapa, Mesquite, Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda Counties.

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Scope and Contents Note

The American Red Cross, Southern Nevada Chapter records, dating from 1917 to 2015, include office records, legal files dealing with property, program descriptions, pamphlets, events, and documentation of disaster relief efforts. The majority of the collection is in the form of photographs and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings compiled by year. The early records, until 1943, are all newspaper clippings.

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Arrangement

Material is organized into five sections:

1. General information records, 1928-2000;
2. Legal and property records, 1928-2001;
3. Photographs, 1990-2002;
4. Scrapbooks, 1950-2004;
5. 2015 addition,
6. 2016 addition.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research. Advance notice and arrangements are required for access to digital files; please contact Special Collections for more information.

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Acquisition Note

Material was donated 2013 by Lloyd Ziel, Public Information Officer: accession number MS-2013-16. Subsequent additions in 2015; accession numbers 2015-061 and 2015-093. 2016 addition accession number; 2016-022.

Accruals Note

Further additions are anticipated.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Joyce Moore in 2014. Born-digital image and video files were processed by Tammi Kim in 2016.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Joyce Moore to bring it into compliance with DACS. 2014

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Controlled Access Headings

- Blood donors
- Disaster relief
- Volunteers
- American Red Cross
- Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.)
- Las Vegas Valley (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
General and information records		
Annual Reports, 1959-1961	Box 01	Folder 01
Blood Program Participation, 1944-1955	Box 01	Folder 02
Certificate of Appreciation, 1971-2003	Box 01	Folder 03
Contribution Correspondence, 1943-1980	Box 01	Folder 04
Daily Narrative Reports, 1999	Box 01	Folder 05
Disaster Operations Information, 1999	Box 01	Folder 06
Historic Downtown Building Survey Project, 1973	Box 01	Folder 07
Member Roster, 1961-1970	Box 01	Folder 08
Pamphlets, 1916-1970	Box 01	Folder 09
Reports, 1943-1969	Box 01	Folder 10
Stationary, undated	Box 01	Folder 11

SSI Alert Program, 1974	Box 01	Folder 12
"We'll be there" Event, 2000	Box 01	Folder 13
Legal and property records		
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Junior Red Cross History, 1928-1956	Box 02	Folder 02
History of Clark County Chapter, 1941-1987	Box 02	Folder 03
Mesquite St. Property, 1968-1977	Box 02	Folder 04
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Lease Agreements, 1950-1972	Box 02	Folder 06
Investment Grant, 2001	Box 02	Folder 07
Solicitation Permit, 1955	Box 02	Folder 08
By Laws, 1950-1972	Box 02	Folder 09
Legal Documents, 1973-1977	Box 02	Folder 10
Legal Correspondence, 1974-1976	Box 02	Folder 11
Photographs		
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Disaster Relief Efforts, 2001	Box 03	Folder 02
Donor Disaster for City of Las Vegas, undated	Box 03	Folder 03
Events, 1990-1991	Box 03	Folder 04
Fire and Rescue Honored, undated	Box 03	Folder 05
Junior Volunteers, 1969-1979	Box 03	Folder 06
Las Vegas City Hall Proclamation Presentation, 2002	Box 03	Folder 07
Palo Verde Safety Fair, 2002	Box 03	Folder 08
St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2002	Box 03	Folder 09
Photographs, undated	Box 03	Folder 10
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Photographs, 1944-1967	Box 04	Folder 02
Photographs, Various Events, 2001	Box 04	Folder 03
Volunteer Recognition Party, 1999	Box 04	Folder 04
Scrapbooks		
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Scrapbooks, 1951	Box 05	Folder 02

Scrapbooks, 1952	Box 05	Folder 03
Scrapbooks, 1953	Box 05	Folder 04
Scrapbooks, 1958	Box 05	Folder 05
Scrapbooks, 1965-1966	Box 05	Folder 06
Scrapbooks, 1966-1967	Box 06	Folder 01
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Scrapbooks, 1968	Box 06	Folder 03
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Golf tournaments, 1997, 2004	Box 09	
Adoption public awareness, 1996 November	Box 09	
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Tennessee Tornado, 1998	Box 09	
Hero Award, 1997	Box 09	
Trade show and education seminar, 2004 March	Box 09	
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Emergency response vehicle workshop, 1997 July	Box 09	
Airport drill, 1997 October	Box 09	
Elizabeth Dole visit, 1992 March	Box 09	
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Forms and printed materials, undated	Box 09
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Nursing Committee minutes, 1965 August-1966 July	Box 09
Red Cross calendar, 1918	Box 09
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Mother and Baby Course Guide, undated	Box 09
Regina Schultz scrapbook, 1965-1979	Box 09
Las Vegas Age news clippings, 1917-1939	Box 09
Las Vegas Review Journal news clippings, 1931-1965	Box 09
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2016 addition	
Everyday Hero's Awards, souvenir program, 2015 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	Box 10
Photographs, unlabeled, 2002 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Files	Box 10
Everyday Hero's Awards, DVDs, 2015 <u>Physical Description</u> : 433 Digital Files (4 DVDs, 4.96 GB: JPG, MP4)	Box 10
Everyday Hero's Awards, guest programs, 2015	Box 10
Photographs, mostly unlabeled, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Files	Box 11
Proclamations, commendations, and awards, 2001-2013	Box 11